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## Russian Invitation for Bids on Frozen Chicken Leg Quarters

On August 3, 1999 Russia released an Invitation for Bids for 50,000 tons of frozen poultry. This purchase will be made under the Public Law 480, Title 1 program. The bid specifies chicken leg quarters from young broiler/fryers not more than eight weeks of age at slaughter. Product must be frozen to 0 degrees Fahrenheit within 72 hours of slaughter and then maintained at same or lower temperature during storage and transit to ocean ports of delivery. The storage period of product after its date of production shall not exceed 60 calendar days before the date of delivery to load port. Offers were due on August 9 for delivery periods September thru October 1999.

## Slovakia Poultry Situation and Outlook 1999

The demand for poultry meat and products in Slovakia continues to increase due to lower domestic prices. According to preliminary data, poultry production increased by 12.4 % in comparison to 1997. The overall sale of eggs decreased by about 4.9%.

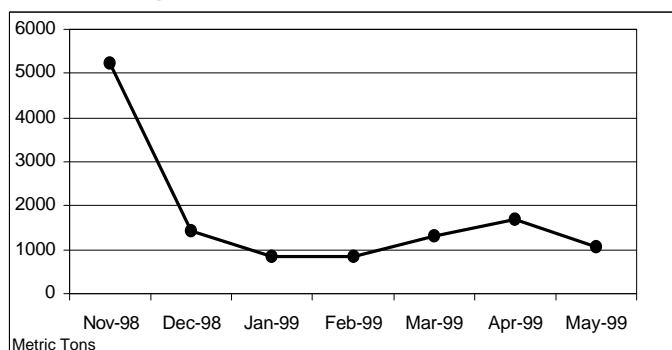
Poultry meats were imported primarily from the Czech Republic, Hungary, United States, France and Poland. Exports were to the Czech Republic, Hungary, Romania and Ukraine. Subsidies were provided to purchase breeding poultry and other genetic materials from abroad.

Egg production in Slovakia was influenced by the number of laying hens and lower average production per hen. In 1998 production was 224 eggs per hen compared to 230 in 1996. Production of eggs in Slovakia should slightly increase in 1999.

In 1998, eggs imported for consumption increased in comparison to 1997 and exports dropped significantly. Imports originated mainly from the Czech Republic (85% of total shell egg imports). Exports of eggs for consumption went to the Czech Republic (41%); Poland (23.6%); and to Ukraine (26%).

Source: USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service, Attache Report

## Frozen Leg Quarters Exported from the U.S. to China



Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census

## Poland Poultry Annual 1999

Poland is a net importer of poultry meat. In 1998 fifty-five percent of Poland's 1998 poultry meat imports originated from the United States compared to 62 percent in 1997. It is estimated that during the first 8 months of 1998, 13,000 tons of MDM was exported from the United States to Poland. Imports of MDM stopped after August of 1998, as Polish processors could not sell MDM-based franks to Russia. Poland exported a small amount of poultry meat to the United States in 1998, the first such exports in recent memory. The products were processed canned poultry meat.

Changes in Polish regulations introduced in June 1999, regarding financial guarantees for transshipment of goods, will increase the risk of shipping U.S. poultry meat through Poland to Russia and Ukraine. In 1999, exports of poultry meat will decrease by 45 percent as a result of the loss of poultry sausages exports to Russia.

Consumption of poultry meat grew at 11 percent in 1998 compared to 1997. The growing number of fast food restaurants has increased demand for poultry meat. Other factors which are promoting poultry consumption include relatively lower prices of poultry meat compared with red meats and more health conscious consumers substituting poultry for other meats.

Most turkey meat is processed and sold as poultry sausages or other turkey products which compete with pork sausages. High demand for processing is expected to stimulate imports of turkey meat within the 43,512 - ton tariff rate quota. Growing demand for processing offers an opportunity for imports of turkey meat from the United States. The existing marketing channels for poultry leg quarters could be used for this purpose.

Poland's 1998 imports of eggs were estimated at 90 million pieces, up 17 percent from 1997. In 1998, Poland imported 1,335 tons of processed eggs mainly from the Netherlands, India and Czech Republic. Under the current price and tariff structure, U.S. eggs are not likely to be competitive in this market. However, there is an opportunity for the sale of baby chicks and hatch eggs to major producers. The United States did increase sales in 1998 of poultry eggs to Poland, however, these were primarily hatching eggs.

Source: USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service, Attache Report

## Canadian Egg Consumption Up

In 1998 Canadian per capita egg consumption increased by 1.3 eggs to bring the national average up to 182.4. Canada has a population of about 30 million so Canadians consumed some 36 million more eggs in 1998 compared to 1997.

Source: International Egg Commission, July 1999

**INSPECTED EGG PRODUCTS****U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

	Week Ending July 31, 1999		Year-To-Date	
Type	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Liquid	150	615	8,245	8,182
Frozen	0	0	6	50
Dried	0	0	355	332
Total	150	615	8,606	8,564

**U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

	Week Ending July 31, 1999		Year-To-Date	
Type	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Liquid	162	87	2,646	2,455
Frozen	1	0	174	135
Dried	0	0	141	225
Total	163	87	2,961	2,815

**Inspected Shell Eggs****U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

	Week Ending July 31, 1999		Year-To-Date	
	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Jumbo	0	33	584	842
Extra Large	240	840	19,253	22,587
Large	3,570	2,499	71,770	61,921
Medium	840	905	30,116	34,576
Ungraded	8,580	10,830	318,291	143,045
Misc	0	0	3,588	5,443
Total	13,230	15,107	443,602	268,414

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding. Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

**CENTRAL REGION** PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 06-AUG-99

**CHICKEN PRICES**

	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
FAT	FOB	DELIVERED	FOB	DELIVERED
CONTENT	DOCK		DOCK	
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

**CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN**

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	19.00	16.50	15.00-16.00	-
WTD AVERAGE	19.00	16.50	15.13	
126,800 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.				
15-20%				
RANGE	14.00	-	11.00-13.00	13.00-15.00
WTD AVERAGE	14.00		11.86	13.73
2,086,000 pounds, this includes 312,000 pounds for export shipment.				
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	14.00	-
WTD AVERAGE			14.00	

30,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

\* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION** W/E 31-Jul-99  
PRELIMINARY**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY (000'S)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	2,097	1,270	3,367
LAST WEEK	2,217	1,507	3,724
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,946	1,282	3,228
TO-DATE/1999	64,943	40,666	105,609
TO-DATE/1998	63,358	37,931	101,289

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	458	0	458
LAST WEEK	471	10	481
SAME WEEK YR AGO	676	0	676
TO-DATE/1999	14,772	174	14,946
TO-DATE/1998	16,842	239	17,081

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, PLTRY DEVELOPMENT DIV.

**TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	2,555	1,270	3,825
LAST WEEK	2,688	1,517	4,205
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,622	1,282	3,904
TO-DATE/1999	79,715	40,840	120,555
TO-DATE/1998	80,200	38,170	118,370

**EASTERN REGION** PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 06-AUG-99

**CHICKEN PRICES**

	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
FAT	FOB	DELIVERED	FOB	DELIVERED
CONTENT	DOCK		DOCK	
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	16.00-20.00	17.50-18.00	16.00-18.00	-
WTD AVERAGE	16.47	17.83	17.54	

1,633,000 pounds, this includes 320,000 pounds for export shipment.

**CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN**

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	16.00	-	15.00	17.00
WTD AVERAGE	16.00		15.00	17.00
560,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.				
15-20%				
RANGE	14.00-17.00	14.00	12.00-15.50	12.00-14.00
WTD AVERAGE	15.77	14.00	14.10	13.26
3,052,000 pounds, this includes 556,000 pounds for export shipment.				
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	13.50	-
WTD AVERAGE			13.50	

640,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

\* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**

FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS

AUGUST 06, 1999

Undertone unsettled on tom drums with older production moving at lower trending price levels. Tom 2-joint wing trade sentiment steady for domestic usage, however, some sellers are having to lower offering prices into export channels in order to generate sales. Thigh meat trade sentiment steady to fully steady for a fair to good demand. Tom drums (2 loads, February production) 12.50 cents transferred-in-storage. For export: frozen whole tenderloins (2 loads) 158 cents shipping point, hen 2-joint wings (1 container) 46, tom defatted gizzards (2 containers) 72 cents delivered.

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 06, 1999****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	16.00-18.00		16.54	368	17.03	1,000
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	20.00		20.00	80	19.00	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	18.00-18.50		18.18	572	18.18	572
TAILS	16.00		16.00	124	16.71	234
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	15.00	260	15.57	364
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	50.00-52.50		51.63	172	51.34	1,184

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 05, 1999****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	16.00-16.50		16.25	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	17.00		17.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	17.00-17.50		17.21	70
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	15.00		15.00	260
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	51.00-52.00		51.50	80

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 04, 1999****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		T	17.46	448
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	19.67	156
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	18.00		18.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	17.00		17.00	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	50.00-55.00		52.08	196

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 03, 1999****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	17.00-18.00		17.46	448
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	19.67	156
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	15.00	1,040
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	53.00-55.00		54.00	104

**MONDAY, AUGUST 02, 1999****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	17.50		17.50	104
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	19.67	156
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	15.00	1,040
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	50.00-52.00		50.58	632

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.

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